

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, 20, and 23-28 are currently pending. Claims 13, 14, 16-19, and 21-22 have been canceled by the Examiner. In this Amendment, claims 15 and 20 are amended to be in independent form and incorporate the limitations recited in their parent claims, independent claims 13 and 18, respectively. No new matter is added.

Claims in Condition for Allowance

In view of the Response to Decision from Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, it appears that claims 1-12, 15, 20, and 23-28 are in condition for allowance. Thus, the applicant requests a timely notice of allowance for these claims.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all rejections in the Office Action have been addressed by the remarks above. The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and a timely notice of allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicant's representative, in person or by telephone, the Applicant's representative would welcome the opportunity to do so.

If any fees are due in conjunction with this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to debit those fees from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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